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6. We allow only portable tree stands that hunters must remove at the end of each hunt day.

7. We require firearm hunters to wear in a conspicuous manner on head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-colored, hunter-orange clothing or material.

8. During archery-only season, hunters must wear in a visible manner a solid-colored, hunter-orange hat or cap while moving to and from their stand.

9. We prohibit the discharge of firearm or archery equipment across or within refuge roads, including roads closed to vehicles.

10. Hunters may retrieve wounded deer from closed areas only with prior consent from a refuge employee.

11. You must be at least age 18 to hunt without an accompanying, qualified adult. Youth hunters between ages 12 and 17 may hunt only when accompanied by an adult age 21 or older who must also possess and carry a valid hunting license. The minimum age for hunters is 12.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of Wilna Pond in Richmond County in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing access from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

2. We allow fishing from the Wilna Pond pier, banks of the dam, and watercraft. We prohibit fishing from the aluminum catwalk.

3. All Virginia boating laws apply on Wilna Pond, including personal flotation device (PFD) requirements and State motor boat registration for vessels under power.

4. During the period when we open the Wilna Tract for deer hunting, we will close it to all other uses, including fishing.

5. We prohibit fishing by any means other than by use of one or more attended poles with hook and line attached.

6. We prohibit the use of lead sinkers.

7. We require catch and release fishing only for largemouth bass. You may take other finfish species in accordance with State regulations.

8. We prohibit the take of any reptile, amphibian, or invertebrate species for use as bait or for any other purpose.

9. We prohibit the use of live minnows as bait.

10. We prohibit the use of boats propelled by gasoline motors, sail, or mechanically operated paddle wheel. We allow only car-top boats, and we prohibit trailers.

11. We will give prescheduled environmental education field trips priority over other uses, including sport fishing, on the Wilna Pond pier at all times.

### WALLOPS ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a refuge permit. We issue permits based on a computer lottery system. You may obtain permit applications from the refuge administration office during normal business hours. Hunting brochures containing application procedures, seasons, and maps depicting areas open to hunting are available from the refuge administration office. You must provide an unobstructed view of the refuge permit on the vehicle's dashboard while hunting on the refuge.

2. You must be age 12 or older to hunt on the refuge. An adult age 18 or older must accompany and directly supervise hunters under age 18. The supervising adult must also possess and carry a State hunting license and refuge permit.

3. You must sign in at the hunter registration station prior to entering your hunt zone and sign out upon exiting your hunt zone. You must sign out no later than two hours after the end of the hunt day.

4. You must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of blaze-orange material consisting of a vest and hat or a jacket and hat.

5. You may use of portable tree stands.

6. We prohibit dogs.

7. You must park your vehicle in designated areas (*see* §27.31 of this chapter).

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### COLUMBIA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and Wilson's snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow hunting on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays on Marsh Unit 1 and Farm Units 226-227.

2. Prior to entering the Farm Unit 226-227 hunt area, we require you to possess and

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carry a refuge permit, pay a recreation user fee, and obtain a blind assignment.

3. You may not shoot or discharge any firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment, or designated parking area.

*B. Hunting of Upland Game Birds.* We allow hunting of ring-necked pheasant, California quail, gray partridge, and chukar on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow hunting of upland game birds during State upland game seasons that run concurrently with the State waterfowl season.

2. We allow hunting from 12 p.m. (noon) to legal sunset on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays in Marsh Unit 1.

3. Condition A3 applies.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of mule deer and white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow shotgun and archery hunting.

2. We only allow hunting during State deer seasons that run concurrently with the State waterfowl season.

3. Condition A3 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. On waters open to fishing, we only allow fishing from April 1 to September 30, with the exception of Falcon, Heron, Goldeneye, Corral, Blythe, Chukar, and Scaup Lakes that are open year-round.

2. We allow nonmotorized boats and boats with electric motors on Upper and Lower Hampton, Hutchinson, and Shiner Lakes.

3. We allow motorized boats and non-motorized boats on all other refuge waters open to fishing.

4. We allow frogging during periods when we allow fishing on designated waters.

5. We allow catch-and-release fishing using artificial flies with a single barbless hook on Quail Lake.

### CONBOY LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of dove, goose, duck, coot, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Waterfowl and snipe hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

2. You may not shoot or discharge any firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment, or designated parking area.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Condition A2 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### DUNGENESS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* Anglers may salt water fish in designated areas of the refuge.

### HANFORD REACH NATIONAL MONUMENT/SADDLE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, mourning dove, and common snipe on the Wahluke Unit of the Monument/Refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while on the refuge (see §32.2(k)).

2. We allow access from 2 hours before legal sunrise to 2 hours after legal sunset. We prohibit overnight camping and/or parking.

3. We prohibit permanent and pit blinds and the cutting of vegetation (see §27.51 of this chapter). You must remove all blind materials, decoys, and other equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day.

4. We only allow nonmotorized boats and boats with electric motors on the WB-10 Pond (Wahluke Lake) and with walk-in access only.

5. We prohibit shooting or discharging any firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment, or designated parking area.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, quail, and partridge on designated areas on the Wahluke Unit of the Monument/Refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the conditions listed below:

1. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while on the refuge.

2. We allow only shotguns and archery hunting.

3. We allow access from 2 hours before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset. We prohibit overnight camping and/or parking.

4. Condition A5 applies.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and elk on the Wahluke Unit of the Monument/Refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow only shotguns, muzzleloaders, and archery hunting.

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2. We allow access from 2 hours before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset. We prohibit overnight camping and/or parking.

3. Condition A5 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on the Wahluke Unit in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow access from 2 hours before legal sunrise to 2 hours after legal sunset. We prohibit overnight camping and/or parking.

2. We allow nonmotorized boats and boats with electric motors on the WB-10 Ponds and with walk-in access only.

### JULIA BUTLER HANSEN REFUGE FOR THE COLUMBIAN WHITE-TAILED DEER

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and common snipe on designated areas of the Hunting Island Unit in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

2. You may not shoot or discharge any firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment, or designated parking area.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of elk on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We conduct the refuge hunt by State permit only. We require hunters to possess and carry current Washington State elk licenses, valid for the refuge's hunt unit.

2. We allow a maximum of ten hunters to use the refuge in any one day, with one hunt period consisting of 5 consecutive days (Monday through Friday only).

3. We allow a maximum of four hunt periods per hunt season; two regular permit hunts, and if required, two "as needed" permit hunts.

4. We will use the State Second Elk Tag As-Needed hunt program as necessary to control elk numbers during months outside the normal hunting season, except we prohibit hunting during the period April through August.

5. The State will publish the hunting dates, number of permits to be issued, and other regulations for the refuge hunt in the State's Big Game hunting pamphlet. You may also obtain this information by contacting the refuge headquarters.

6. We allow hunting of elk using muzzle-loading firearms only.

7. We require hunters to attend a refuge-specific orientation session each year prior to hunting on the refuge.

8. We allow hunting on Mondays through Fridays only. We close the refuge to hunting on weekends and Federal holidays.

9. We require hunters to sign in and out each day at the refuge headquarters. When

signing out for the day, you must report hunting success, failure, and any hit-but-not retrieved animals.

10. No more than one unlicensed person may assist each licensed hunter during the hunt.

11. Additional persons may assist hunters during elk retrieval only.

12. We prohibit hunters from operating motorized vehicles on the refuge.

13. Condition A2 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow bank fishing from the Mainland Unit shoreline adjoining the Elochoman and Columbia Rivers as well as Steamboat and Brooks Sloughs, in accordance with State fishing regulations. We also allow bank fishing in the pond adjacent to the diking district pumping station by Brooks Slough. We close all other interior water of the Mainland Unit to fishing.

### LITTLE PEND OREILLE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit waterfowl hunting on any creek or stream.

2. We allow hunting during approved State hunting seasons occurring September through December and during the State spring wild turkey season only. We prohibit hunting and discharge of firearms during all other periods.

3. You may not shoot or discharge any firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment, or designated parking area.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit use of dogs except for hunting and retrieving upland game birds.

2. Conditions A2 and A3 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of big game on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit all use of dogs for hunting of big game.

2. Conditions A2 and A3 apply.

3. During the State spring turkey season, we prohibit hunting of all species except turkey.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations.

### McNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, dove, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge

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in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow vehicles on designated routes of travel and require hunters to park in designated parking areas (see § 27.31 of this chapter). We prohibit off-road vehicle travel and all use of ATVs (see § 27.31(f) of this chapter).

2. We only allow portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of natural materials.

3. We allow dove hunting in accordance with State regulations on the Wallula, Burbank Sloughs, Stateline, Juniper Canyon, Peninsula, and Two Rivers Units only.

4. The McNary Fee Hunt Unit is only open on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, and New Year's Day from 5 a.m. to 1½ hours after legal sunset.

5. Prior to entering the McNary Fee Hunt Unit, we require you to possess and carry a refuge permit, pay a recreation user fee, and obtain a blind assignment before hunting.

6. On the McNary Fee Hunt Unit, we only allow hunting from assigned blind sites and require hunters to remain within 100 feet (30 m) of marked posts unless retrieving birds or setting decoys. We allow a maximum of four persons per blind site.

7. On the McNary Fee Hunt Unit, you may only possess approved nontoxic shotshells (see § 32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or less per day.

8. On the Wallula Unit, we prohibit hunting within ¼ mile (.4 km) of the Walla Walla Delta or Crescent Island from February 1 through September 30.

9. On the Peninsula Unit, we allow waterfowl hunting subject to the following conditions:

i. On the east shoreline of the Peninsula Unit, we only allow hunting from established numbered blinds sites, assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. We require hunters to remain within 100 feet (30 m) of marked posts unless retrieving birds or setting decoys.

ii. On the west shoreline of the Peninsula Unit, we require hunters to space themselves a minimum of 200 yards (180 m) apart.

10. We close the furthest downstream refuge island (Columbia River mile 341-343) in the Hanford Islands Division to hunting.

11. On the Peninsula and Two Rivers Units, we close Casey Pond to all hunting.

12. We close Strawberry Island in the Snake River to all hunting.

13. We close Badger and Foundation Islands in the Columbia River to all hunting.

14. You may not shoot or discharge any firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment, or designated parking area.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game birds on designated areas of

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the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. On the McNary Fee Hunt Unit, we allow hunting of only upland game birds on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, and New Year's Day. We prohibit hunting before 12 p.m. (noon) on each hunt day.

2. On the Peninsula Unit, we prohibit upland game hunting before 12 p.m. (noon) on goose hunt days.

3. We allow turkey hunting only on the Wallula unit.

4. We close all islands of the Hanford Islands Division to hunting.

5. Condition A14 applies.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer only on the Stateline, Juniper Canyon, and Wallula Units in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. On the Juniper Canyon and Wallula Units, we allow shotgun and archery hunting only.

2. Condition A14 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations.

### NISQUALLY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunters to possess and carry no more than 25 approved nontoxic shells while hunting in the field (see § 32.2(k)).

2. Hunters may access the hunt areas by boat only. The maximum speed limit is 5 miles per hour for boats in all refuge waters.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and shellfishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing from boats outside the Brown Farm Dike and outside the Research Natural Area.

2. We allow bank fishing in the designated McAllister Creek Bank Fishing Area from legal sunrise to legal sunset. The ¾-mile (1.2 km) area of bank fishing is located ½ mile (.8 km) downstream from I-5 and allowed only along the east side of the creek. Anglers may reach this area either by foot from the refuge parking lot or by boat.

3. We prohibit bank fishing along the Nisqually River.

4. We prohibit fishing in any waters inside the Brown Farm Dike.

5. We allow shellfishing on the tideflats. Access is by boat or by foot from the Luhr Beach Boat Launch. We prohibit tideflat access from the Brown Farm Dike.

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6. We prohibit boat launching on the refuge.

### RIDGEFIELD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting by special refuge permit only. You must possess and carry the special refuge permit at all times while hunting.

2. You may not shoot or discharge any firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment, or designated parking area.

3. We prohibit hunting of dusky Canada goose. The State defines dusky Canada goose as a dark goose, as determined by a Munsell color chart 10 YR, 5 or less, with a culmen length of 40 to 50 millimeters (1.6 to 2 inches). Hunting of dusky goose will result in invalidation of the refuge hunting permit and loss of refuge hunting privileges for the remainder of the waterfowl hunting season.

4. We allow hunting on designated portions of the River "S" Unit on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, excluding Federal holidays, during the regular State waterfowl hunting season.

5. Prior to entering the hunt area, you must pay a recreation user fee, obtain a blind assignment, and obtain a check-out card. You must carry the check-out card while hunting as proof of user fee payment.

6. We allow access to the refuge check station 2 hours before legal shooting time. We require hunters to depart the refuge no later than 1 hour after legal shooting time.

7. We allow entry to the hunt area during hunt days for the purpose of hunting only. We prohibit entry to the hunt area for scouting, sight-seeing, or other purposes.

8. We allow hunting only from designated permanent blinds. We prohibit all hunting outside the designated blinds, including hunting from temporary blinds or jump shooting.

9. We allow a maximum of three persons per hunting blind.

10. We prohibit additional hunters to join a hunt party after the party has checked in.

11. You may possess only approved nontoxic shotshells (see §32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or less per day.

12. Hunters must leash all dogs except when hunting at the designated blind (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

13. Hunters must complete an accurate check-out card and submit it to the check station before leaving the refuge.

14. We require all hunters switching blinds to first report to the refuge check station, complete a check-out card for the blind

being vacated, and obtain a new check-out card for the new blind.

15. We reserve Blind 1A for exclusive use by hunters with permanent disabilities who possess a valid State Disabled Hunter Permit and who qualify under WAC 232-12-282. Blind 1A may also be occupied by nonhunters who are assisting the disabled hunters.

16. We allow vehicles only on designated routes of travel and require hunters to park in designated parking areas (see §27.31 of this chapter). We prohibit off-road vehicle travel, and all use of ATVs (see §27.31(f) of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and frogging on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing and frogging from March 1 through September 30 only.

2. We allow fishing and frogging from legal sunrise to legal sunset only.

### TOPPENISH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, dove, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We open the refuge from 5 a.m. to 1½ hours after legal sunset.

2. We only allow vehicles on designated routes of travel and require hunters to park in designated parking areas (see §27.31 of this chapter). We prohibit off-road vehicle travel and all use of ATVs (see §27.31(f) of this chapter).

3. We allow dove hunting only on the Cloe, Webb, Petty, Halvorson, Chambers, and Isiri Units.

4. On the Pumphouse and Robbins Road Units, you may possess only approved nontoxic shotshells (see §32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or less per day.

5. On the Petty, Isiri, Chamber, and Cloe Units, we allow hunting 7 days a week subject to the following condition: We require hunting parties to space themselves a minimum of 200 yards (180 m) apart.

6. On the Halvorson and Webb Units, we only allow hunting on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. On these units, we allow hunting only from designated field pits, and we prohibit jump shooting.

7. On the Robbins Road Unit, we only allow hunting on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

8. On the Robbins Road and Pumphouse Units, we only allow hunting from numbered field blind sites, and hunters must only park their vehicles at the numbered post corresponding to the numbered field blind site they are using (see §27.31 of this chapter).

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Selection of parking sites/numbered posts is on a first-come, first-served basis at the designated parking lot. We prohibit free-roam hunting or jump shooting, and you must remain within 100 feet (30 m) of the numbered field blind post unless retrieving birds or setting decoys. We allow a maximum of four persons per blind site.

9. You may not shoot or discharge any firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment, or designated parking area.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. On all refuge units, we prohibit hunting of upland game birds until 12 p.m. (noon) of each hunt day.

2. On the Halvorson and Webb Units, we only allow hunting on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

3. On the Robbins Road Unit, we only allow hunting on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

4. Condition A9 applies.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### TURNBULL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot within 50 yards (45 m) of hunting sites designated by the refuge manager on the north side of Upper Turnbull Slough in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow waterfowl (duck, goose, coot) hunting during the State's Youth Migratory Bird Hunt.

2. We prohibit the use of motorized boats.

3. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, pit blinds, stands, or scaffolds (see §27.93 of this chapter).

4. We only allow authorized vehicles on designated routes of travel and require hunters to park in designated parking area (see §27.31(h) of this chapter). We prohibit ATVs and ORVs.

5. Hunters may possess and carry no more than 25 nontoxic shotshells per hunter per day while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

6. We prohibit shooting or discharging any firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment, or designated parking area.

7. We allow hunter access from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset.

8. Hunters must possess a nontransferable refuge special access permit that names hunters, their hunt partners, and accompanying adult.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of elk on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We conduct the refuge hunt by State permit only. We require hunters to possess and carry current Washington State elk licenses, valid for the refuge hunt unit, and a refuge special access permit.

2. We allow only authorized vehicles on designated routes of travel and require hunters to park in designated parking areas (see §27.31(h) of this chapter). We prohibit ATVs and ORVs.

3. We allow hunter access from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 5 hours after legal sunset. Hunters needing additional time for retrieval must notify refuge staff or a State fish and wildlife officer.

4. We prohibit possession of a bow with the arrow nocked within any safety zone or Closed Area.

5. Safety zones of 500 feet (150 m) are in effect around existing structures. We prohibit shooting from or into any safety zone or Closed Area.

6. One person may assist hunters only during elk retrieval. We require this person to remain with the hunter at all times during retrieval. We require all hunters/helpers to possess a nontransferable refuge special access permit.

7. Refuge staff or a State Fish and Wildlife Officer must accompany hunters during retrieval of a wounded elk that moves outside the hunt unit in Closed Areas.

8. Hunters must use nontoxic ammunition or remove or bury the visceral remains of harvested animals.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### UMATILLA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, dove, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We open the refuge from 5 a.m. to 1½ hours after legal sunset.

2. We only allow vehicles on designated routes of travel and require hunters to park in designated parking areas (see §27.31 of this chapter). We prohibit off-road vehicle travel and all use of ATVs (see §27.31(f) of this chapter).

3. We only allow portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of natural materials.

4. On the Paterson Slough and Whitcomb Units, we only allow hunting on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

5. In the refuge ponds within the Paterson Slough area, we only allow nonmotorized boats and boats with electric motors.

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6. On the Ridge Unit, we only allow shoreline hunting and prohibit all hunting from boats.

7. We require waterfowl hunting parties to space themselves a minimum of 200 yards (180 m) apart.

8. You may not shoot or discharge any firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment, or designated parking area.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit hunting of upland game birds until 12 p.m. (noon) of each hunt day.

2. In the Paterson Slough and Whitcomb Units, we only allow hunting on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

3. Condition A9 applies.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting by special refuge permit only. You must possess and carry the special refuge permit at all times while hunting.

2. Condition A9 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We open the refuge from 5 a.m. to 1½ hours after legal sunset.

2. We allow fishing on refuge impoundments and ponds from February 1 through September 30. We open other refuge waters (Columbia River and its backwaters) in accordance with State regulations.

### WILLAPA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, and snipe on designated areas of Riekkola, Lewis, Tarlatt Slough, and Leadbetter Units in accordance with State hunting regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to entering the hunt area at the Riekkola and Tarlatt Slough Units, we require you to obtain a refuge permit, pay a recreation user fee, and obtain a blind assignment.

2. At the Riekkola and Tarlatt Slough Units, you may take ducks and coots only coincidental to hunting geese.

3. We allow hunting on Wednesday and Saturday in the Riekkola and Tarlatt Slough Units only from established blinds.

4. At the Lewis Unit, we prohibit hunting from the outer dike that separates the bay from the freshwater wetlands.

5. At the Riekkola and Tarlatt Slough Units, you may possess no more than 25 ap-

proved nontoxic shells per day while in the field.

6. At the Leadbetter Unit, you may possess only approved nontoxic shot.

7. You may not shoot or discharge any firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment, or designated parking area.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of blue and ruffed grouse on Long Island, subject to the following conditions:

1. We require you to obtain and carry a refuge permit and report game taken, as specified with the permit.

2. We allow only archery hunting.

3. We do not allow firearms on Long Island at any time.

4. We do not allow dogs on Long Island.

5. Condition A7 applies.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer, elk, and bear on Long Island, and deer and elk only on designated areas of the refuge north of the Bear River and east of Wallapa Bay, in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. At Long Island you must possess a valid refuge permit and report game taken, as specified with the permit.

2. At Long Island we allow only archery hunting and prohibit firearms.

3. We prohibit bear hunting on any portion of the refuge except Long Island.

4. We prohibit dogs.

5. Condition A7 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing along the shoreline of Willapa Bay and Bear River on refuge-owned lands in accordance with State regulations.

[58 FR 5064, Jan. 19, 1993, as amended at 58 FR 29077, May 18, 1993; 59 FR 6686, 6699, Feb. 11, 1994; 59 FR 55188, Nov. 3, 1994; 60 FR 62048, Dec. 4, 1995; 61 FR 46399, Sept. 3, 1996; 62 FR 47383, Sept. 9, 1997; 63 FR 46922, Sept. 3, 1998; 65 FR 30792, May 12, 2000; 65 FR 56409, Sept. 18, 2000; 66 FR 46362, Sept. 4, 2001; 67 FR 58952, Sept. 18, 2002; 69 FR 54362, 54469, Sept. 8, 2004; 70 FR 54195, Sept. 13, 2005; 73 FR 33200, June 11, 2008; 74 FR 45700, Sept. 3, 2009; 75 FR 18426, Apr. 12, 2010]

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The following refuge units have been opened to hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

### CANAAN VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, rail, coot, gallinule, mourning dove, snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions: